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Little hope of finding survivors in massive Bucharest rescue effort

BUCHAREST. — Rescue workers using mechanical excavators and their bare hands desperately dug through mountains of rubble yesterday seeking survivors of the huge earthquake in which thousands were feared to have died across Rumania.

At last count, the known official death toll was about 600, and more than 5,000 people were listed as injured.

Officials predicted that the casualty figures might surge sharply upwards as soldiers and civilians searched the ruins left by Friday night's quake.

Sirens wailed across Bucharest as ambulances raced away with bodies newly dug out from under the ruins of high-rise apartment houses and other buildings that collapsed during Rumania's biggest quake in 36 years.

About 30,000 dwellings were destroyed across Rumania, many factories were wrecked and residents were left stunned by the catastrophe and apprehensive about possible future earth shocks. Rescue teams expressed little hope of finding any more survivors in the heaps of debris.

In Bucharest alone, 40 high-rise apartment buildings crashed to the ground when hit by the tremors. President Nicolae Ceausescu, confronted with a vast job of national reconstruction, toured one badly damaged steel plant and other devastated areas of the capital yesterday.

Meanwhile, his government grappled with the immediate problem of finding shelter for huge numbers of homeless people, many of them injured. Latest reports from around the country told of vast damage done to the national economy.

Authorities took over university and other public buildings as havens for the homeless.

The quake, registering 7.2 on the Richter scale, carved a trail of destruction through six of Rumania's 40 counties, from the far north-east near the Soviet frontier to the south-western border with Yugoslavia.

Many parts of the country rallied to the help of the badly damaged capital, sending food and medical supplies.

The official Communist Party newspaper "Scinteia" said the national nuclear centre had been destroyed along with a big computer project and important chemistry research facilities at Bucharest University.

The factories which suffered extensive damage included a major engineering plant in Bucharest, while three of the capital's main power plants were badly hit.

In the industrial city of Ploiesti, north of Bucharest, three huge petrochemical complexes were partly wrecked and electrical supplies to nearby oil fields were cut. Ploiesti is the biggest oil-producing region in Eastern Europe outside the Soviet Union.

Blow to small factions in the Histadrut

SHEFAKIM. — Party lists in elections to future Histadrut conventions will require a minimum 1 per cent of the total votes to be eligible for a seat, according to a constitutional amendment passed here yesterday by the Histadrut Council.

The motion, passed by a majority of 283 votes for 245, was proposed by six tiny factions whose mandates in the Histadrut Executive are less than 1 per cent: two Yemenite lists, Meri, Alva, the Left Alliance and the List for Personal Elections.

Moked and the Panthers, who have more than 1 per cent, also opposed the motion. But it was supported by the Independent Liberals and Mapam political secretary Natfali Feder, who said "exclusive democracy leads to anarchy." The existence of small factions in the Histadrut Executive, Feder said, wasted that body's time with "fruitless arguments" and fostered "vested-interest groups who lack ideology."

The 1 per cent clause will also apply to elections to Na'amat (Working Women's Council) and to the Agriculture Centre. It will not apply, however, to trade union and labour council elections.

Elections to the Histadrut convention, Na'amat and the labour councils will be held on June 21, the Histadrut Executive decided yesterday.

Violence mars Pakistan election campaign

RAWALPINDI. — A killing and street clashes Saturday marred the last day of Pakistan's national elections campaign.

The killing brought to 30 the number of persons who have died in the violence-wracked campaign, which began two months ago. (UPI) (World Scene, page 4.)



Soldiers yesterday remove a body from the rubble of what had been a 12-storey apartment block following the earthquake that devastated Bucharest on Saturday. (UPI telephoto)

Rabbi Rosen: Jews among Rumanian quake victims

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The earthquake that struck Bucharest claimed lives among the city's Jews, Rumania's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Moshe Rosen, reported yesterday.

Speaking by telephone to Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi, Rabbi Rosen said it was still too early to quote precise numbers, as not all the bodies had yet been recovered from the rubble. Nevertheless, he said that he personally knew of Jewish casualties.

Rabbi Rosen told Artzi that burying the Jewish dead will present a problem as the local Hevra Kadisha (burial society) is not capable of coping with such a task.

The rabbi who, according to Artzi, betrayed much emotion during their conversation, also reported that one of Bucharest's old synagogues, the Atena in the heart of the city, had collapsed. Two more synagogues were damaged beyond repair. Services cannot be held in them in their present state, and it is doubtful that they will ever be used again.

The central Choral Synagogue, where Rabbi Rosen officiates, was damaged; but the building is still safe and prayer sessions were held there on Saturday with many of the congregants saying the traditional "Hagomel" prayer for one who has been delivered from grave danger.

According to Rabbi Rosen, expressions of sympathy and offers of help from Israel have touched many in the Rumanian capital, not only Jews.

The Tel Aviv Municipality has extended an invitation to house 200 children from Bucharest. Should the invitation be taken up, the youngsters will stay in the homes of Israeli families. The city's plan has received the Foreign Ministry's blessing and was passed on to the Rumanian authorities by their embassy here.

Like it or not, Cabinet to pass interim budget

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Cabinet will meet tomorrow to approve, willy-nilly, the four-month interim budget in the sum of IL1,800m, forced upon it by the Knesset Finance Committee. Later in the day, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will present the interim budget in the Knesset in the form of a bill, and it will be voted to the Finance Committee.

The government was unable to insure a majority for its original 1977/78 budget of IL22,500m, once the National Religious Party had been expelled from the coalition. The new interim budget, negotiated laboriously between the Alignment, the NRP and the Likud, is only 28.7 per cent of the original budget for the entire year, though it is to run for four months. In addition, it entails a further cut of IL900m, as an economy measure to be trimmed off the allocations of the various ministries.

As of last night, Cabinet ministers had no idea how the new interim budget would work out, despite the fact that they will have to approve it tomorrow morning.

According to one source, each minister will be asked to cut his department's allocation by the same percentage. However, the Ministers of Defence, Health, Education and Welfare are expected to protest.

One minister complained last night that the freezing of the property tax at its present level, while the defence procurement tax was being repealed, would mean "a painful reduction in revenue."

Mapam's Shlomo Rosen, who is now responsible for the Housing portfolio as well as immigrant absorption, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The Likud abused its power in the Finance Committee irresponsibly. Had the Likud been in the government, it would not have cut revenue so heavily, nor forced a smaller budget."

The Cabinet did not hold its regular Sunday session yesterday. In addition to the Purim holiday, several ministers were at Ben-Gurion Airport to see Prime Minister Rabin leave for the U.S.

Yadlin is transferred to long-termers' Ramle Prison

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin, former head of Kupaat Holim, was transferred yesterday from the Abu Kabir lockup to Ramle Prison to begin his five-year sentence.

Yadlin, the disgraced candidate for the governorship of the Bank of Israel, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined a quarter of a million pounds on February 22 for accepting bribes and falsifying a tax declaration.

Ramle Prison is inhabited mainly by prisoners serving five years or more, while nearby Ma'asiyahu is for those serving shorter terms. According to one source, Yadlin may be transferred to Ma'asiyahu later on.

Neither the police nor Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, Yadlin's lawyer, could explain why Yadlin's transfer was delayed for so long after his trial. The delay may be connected with the appeal Yadlin will probably make to the Supreme Court concerning the severity of his sentence.

A final decision on whether to appeal will most likely be made today, after Toussia-Cohen meets with Yadlin.

So far Yadlin has not been interrogated about Labour Party financing or other charges on the first charge sheet against him — a charge sheet that Yadlin received \$30,000 from Mordechai Elion, the former general manager of a Solei Boneh subsidiary.

According to the agreement signed between Yadlin and the Attorney General, the interrogation will begin only after his appeal. He has 45 days to appeal the sentence.

Afro-Arab deadlock on aid broken

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

Arab and African foreign ministers broke their cooperation conference in Cairo from collapse yesterday by unanimously endorsing a compromise Arab plan which makes a general pledge of increased aid to Africa but mentions no figures.

With the deadlock broken, hopes mounted that today's first Afro-Arab summit would be successful, although nearly one-half of the participating nations will be represented by lower-level delegations.

Despite an Egyptian-Libyan squabble and reservations by five African states, the foreign ministers also approved a joint political communique, pledging full support to the Palestinian and southern African guerrilla movements.

The three-day conference originally was expected to end on Saturday, but an African demand for \$2.5 billion Arab economic aid, which the Arabs immediately rejected, forced the talks to continue for an extra day.

The Arabs came up with a 10-point counter-proposal which contains pledges of "increased aid on a bilateral basis" and "strengthening the resources of financial institutions engaged in African development."

Although some African delegations criticized the paper for "containing no figures and making no concrete offers," the African group approved it and it was later endorsed unanimously by the entire conference.

Meanwhile, several Arab and African heads of state arrived in Cairo yesterday for the summit opening today. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat spent almost the entire day at Cairo airport greeting the chiefs of state.

These included Jordan's King Hussein, whose personal appearance was seen to be aimed mainly at refuting the allegations of a recent "Washington Post" report that he had been on the CIA payroll for about two decades. The Libyan delegation to the summit conference has already voiced criticism over the participation of heads of state "being paid by the CIA."

Cairo Radio, significantly, gave Hussein full honours in covering his arrival.

The Jordanian monarch was scheduled to confer with Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad, who also arrived in Cairo yesterday. The meeting could serve as a renewed vote of confidence in Hussein, who is now expected to join the joint political communique embracing Egypt, Syria and the Sudan. Hussein is already promoting federal ties with Syria.

New spy case alarms Bonn

BONN. — The weekend arrest of a 34-year-old employee of the opposition Christian Democratic Party as a suspected East German agent touched off a new espionage scare in a nation where Communist spies apparently are operating "like fish in water."

West Germany's highest court announced yesterday it had issued a formal warrant against Hanneliese Reggentin, whom security police arrested on Friday on suspicion of being one of the estimated 8,000 to 11,000 East German spies operating in this country "like fish in water," as one West German counter-intelligence official put it.

A spokesman for the federal court declined to give any details on the affair "in the interest of continuing investigations."

Reggentin began to work as a secretary for Rainer Barzel, then national leader of the opposition Christian Democrats, in 1963. (UPI)

Classes cancelled by faculty strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

The coordinating committee representing university faculty members met for two hours with the employers yesterday without resolving a strike which caused cancellation of many classes and the closing of laboratories staffed by assistants, instructors and other junior faculty.

Only the junior faculty at all of Israel's universities — with the exception of Haifa University and the Technion — launched the strike yesterday for increased wages.

However, the senior faculty will join the striking junior faculty on Wednesday if there is no progress in the negotiations. The senior faculty decided after a negotiating session on Saturday night to give the university presidents until Wednesday to reach an agreement with the government on their demands.

The coordinating committee and the employers will resume their negotiations this morning.

In another labour dispute, 850 physiotherapists began a three-day strike yesterday because they don't know the exact amount of their raise. They were told over the weekend only that they would receive pay hikes similar to those given other paramedical workers. Of the physiotherapists, 800 work in hospitals and the rest are self-employed.

The go-slow of customs employees continued in Haifa yesterday, with Chamber of Commerce secretary Arye Meshulam estimating that the backlog in clearing goods from the ports now totals almost three weeks.

London paper says crash exposed secret Israeli submarine training

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The "Sunday Times" claimed yesterday that submarines being built in Britain for Israel are using a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) base in Scotland.

The Vickers Company is building the three submarines — one already delivered — as part of a £78m. deal, and the deal includes training Israeli teams at Campbeltown Loch on the Kintyre Peninsula in northern Scotland, the newspaper said.

The paper reported also that the Vickers' team "responsible for the submarines' sea trials includes an unknown number of Israeli nationals."

The paper declared that the secrecy of the deal was blown apart by last Wednesday's traffic accident in Scotland in which two members of the Israeli Defence Forces were killed and two others were seriously injured.

However, the Foreign Office said the deal was no secret, as it was mentioned in a two-line entry in "Jane's Fighting Ships" in 1972. The Foreign Office insisted that the contract was a private one between Vickers and the Israelis.



Prime Minister Rabin waves as he boards his El Al jet to Washington early yesterday morning. (Israel Sun)

Truce reported in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Lebanese newspapers yesterday reported a truce between Christian militias and the Palestine Liberation Organization forces confronting each other in southern Lebanon, as President Elias Sarkis left for Cairo to discuss the matter at a conference of Arab and African leaders opening today.

The generally well-informed daily "An-Nahar" said there was agreement to freeze the situation in the south, and similar reports appeared in the Falangist daily "Al-Amal" and the French-language "L'Orient-Le Jour," which spoke of a 10-day truce.

The president is expected to discuss with other Arab rulers — especially the Syrian, Egyptian and Saudi leaders — what kind of force could be deployed in the south to control the situation without provoking Israeli reaction.

Israel objected strongly when Syrian troops of the Arab League peace-keeping force advanced to within nine kilometres of its frontier. They were pulled back after American mediation. The U.S. has continued what one of its diplomats called "an exchange of evaluation" between Israel and its northern Arab neighbours.

Sarkis saw U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker yesterday for the second time in three days.

One of the suggestions President Sarkis is carrying with him to Cairo, according to informed sources here, is for a purely Lebanese force to be assembled in the south. But this would present considerable domestic political problems which Sarkis will need time to solve.

Other ideas which have been put forward include the placing of the Arab force under UN aegis, and the creation of a mixed Lebanese-Palestinian force to enforce security in the region. (Reuters)

Sporadic fire heard across Lebanon border

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Fighting between the Christian and leftist forces north of Metulla stopped almost completely at noon yesterday although Christian forces said they were not aware of the cease-fire called by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

But sporadic small arms fire was heard in the afternoon. Artillery and small arms fire was heard again last night, and eye-witnesses here saw flames and tracer bullets in the sky.

Yesterday morning leftist forces near the Moslem villages of Taiba and Rab Talatin, west of Kibbutz Misgav Am, fired mortars and machineguns on the small Moslem village of Adeisa.

Throughout the day Christian forces, who have recruited numerous Moslems from Christian controlled villages, were seen patrolling the south Lebanon highway and roads in the Ayoun valley. Some patrols consisted of armed personnel, carriers and tanks. Observers saw French AMX-13 tank in one of the patrols — a new addition to their force of Sherman tanks.

Christian soldiers, when asked if they knew about the cease-fire, told *The Jerusalem Post* at the Metulla "Good Fence" that they knew nothing about it. They said that as long as the leftists did not attack they would not open fire.



Rabin arrives in U.S.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged on his arrival here yesterday for talks with President Jimmy Carter that Israel would take part in any "meaningful framework of negotiations" that would advance peace with the Arabs.

Stepping from an El Al jetliner, Rabin said his purpose in visiting is to explain "Israel's desire and aspirations" for "tranquillity" and "postponement of war" in the Middle East.

After an official welcoming ceremony at the White House today, he will begin talks with Carter and other U.S. officials including Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Rabin was greeted in a modest reception — as is done for other visitors — by Warren Christopher of the State Department, Alfred Atherton and Stuart Rockwell. He was accompanied by his wife Lea, wearing a blue coat, Aluf Ephraim Poran and Eli Mizrahi.

"I hope that during the discussions that will take place with the President, the Secretary of State and other members of the Administration and the Congress I'll be able to explain Israel's desire and aspiration to achieve peace," he said.

Rabin will meet today with Carter, then lunch with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and dine at the White House.

El Al president, Mordechai Ben-Ari, accompanied Rabin to the U.S. On the way, he briefed Rabin about landing rights that El Al is seeking in the U.S.

Rabin is in Washington for the fourth time since becoming a Prime Minister. After his arrival in the White House, he began process consultations, although his official visit begins today.

Before leaving from Ben-Gurion Airport, Rabin said the main purpose of his trip would be to explain to President Carter that Israel's chief goal was, and is, to attain a true peace in the Middle East — one

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Haim Bar rises above the Japanese defence to beat goalkeeper Taguchi (right) to the ball and head in Israel's second goal, from a corner taken by Spiegler. Damti (17) and a Japanese defender look on. Israel won the World Cup match 2-0. (Susskind)

National team defeats Japan at Ramat Gan

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A vastly improved performance by the national soccer team enabled Israel to beat Japan 2-0 at Ramat Gan yesterday and move to the top of Asian Group 2 of the World Cup qualifying rounds.

Japan and Israel play the second leg return game at Ramat Gan on Thursday. Israel now leads South Korea and Japan in its Group.

Sixteen thousand in sunny weather saw Israel outplay the Japanese in every department of the game on a slippery pitch, but it was only in the 43rd minute that Oded Machness gave Israel the lead. By then Israel could have been five goals in the lead, had strikers Gideon Sami and Vicky Peretz not dived so many simple scoring opportunities.

Japanese goalkeeper Taguchi was the busiest man on the field, but proved more agile than safe. But he had no chance with Machness' shot from eight metres out, nor with Haim Bar's header in the 56th minute for Israel's second goal after a corner by his Metanya clubmate Mordechai Spiegler.

Machness was brought into the team after Moshe Schweitzer was found suffering from influenza yesterday. He was by far Israel's best forward.

Behind him Uri Maimilian and Mordechai Spiegler had excellent games, constantly splitting the shaky Japanese defence. From the start the all-blue Israelis swarmed all over the visitors' half, whose white shirts and blue shorts only occasionally foraged into the Israeli half.

In the 27th minute Israel appeared to take the lead when Maimilian fired a 16 metres shot into the underside of the crossbar, but French referee Michel Kitabjian waved play on.

During the first half Sorinov was never tested. But with the second half only four minutes old, Japan missed a glorious chance to draw level.

Kudera was put clean through the home defence, moved past Sorinov and with an empty goal in front of him failed to put the ball in the net. Defender Moshe Leon desperately hurried across goal and managed to divert the ball for a corner. That was the nearest Japan came to scoring.

The referee issued yellow warning cards to Leon and Bar for rough play. The Israel defence played a hard tackling game, never giving the Japanese time to develop combinations in attack.

Surprisingly, the Japanese lined up with their outstanding striker, Kamamoto. He was sorely missed. Japan had more of the game in the second half, led by Okudera and well supported by Captain Ochiai. Ishi played well under pressure in defence.

Hermon to be fit for skiing next weekend

MOUNT HERMON. — The upper area of the Hermon ski slopes will be opened to skiers this weekend, the secretary of Moshar Neve Ativ, which operates the slopes told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Despite the heavy snow, parts of the slopes are not fit for skiing after heavy winds and warm weather left them with only one metre of snow. Neve Ativ settlers now hope for cold cloudy weather to keep the upper slopes in good condition.

FOR A STRONG ECONOMY ISRAEL BONDS

To Mrs. Crafchik and her Family,

we share in your grief on the untimely passing of your son

LESLIE CRAFCHIK

The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. today, Monday, March 7, 1977, at Ma'ale Baha Mishla.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with local rain in the north.

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Nahariya	10-19	20
Safed	8-11	13
Haifa Port	9-18	18
Tiberias	12-16	21
Nazareth	9-16	21
Afula	10-19	20
Shomron	8-14	15
Tel Aviv	12-18	20
E-G Airport	11-20	21
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Gaza	12-18	19
Beersheba	8-20	21
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. He also received Yigal Executive member Eliahu Finkelstein and members of the "Beautiful People in a Beautiful Country" movement.

Zionist Executive member Abraham Schenker and Alex Bein also called on the President yesterday. They presented him with a copy of Heral's biography by Alex Bein, which was published recently by the Zionist Library.

Adele Glusberg, 90, a founder of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the widow of Talmudic scholar Prof. Louis Glusberg, will be honored twice this week. A tea will be held at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow at Women's League Lounge, 2 Agnon, Jerusalem. Graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary will hold a reception at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Schocken Institute, 6 Balfour Str.

"Medical Intervention in the Cause of Peace" will be discussed this evening by Prof. Alex Russell and Dr. Robin Becker of Hadassah, at 8 o'clock, at the Hebrew University Forum. The meeting will be at the United Synagogue, 2 Agnon, Jerusalem. The presentation will be illustrated with slides.

Staying at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem: Arthur Cohn, film producer, Switzerland; Prof. and Mrs. Porat, from Sweden, as guests of the Weizmann Institute; Mr. Rivkin, film producer; and Mr. and Mrs. Gadish. (Communicated)

Amir Yaffe laid to rest

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — Amir-Melchior Amir Yaffe was buried on Friday in a full military ceremony at the cemetery at his kibbutz, Ma'ot Haim. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Ministers Haim Bar-Lev and Yisrael Galili, senior army officers and many friends took part in the funeral.

Yaffe's coffin was carried by six colonels to the military section of the kibbutz cemetery. Amir Yaffe's father, a Palmach commander and now chairman of the Beit She'an Local Council, is the brother of Amir (res.) Abraham Yaffe, head of the Nature Reserves Authority.

The 37-year-old Yaffe, commander of an armoured brigade in Sinai, was killed in a road accident last Thursday.

In Jerusalem yesterday, hundreds of mourners attended the funeral of Seren Marky (Mordechai) Raanan, an Air Force officer who was also killed in a road accident last week. He was buried with full military honours at Mount Herzl.

On the first anniversary of the passing of our dear

Dr. ABRAHAM GOLANDSKI

a memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 1977 at 7 p.m. at the Moses Auditorium, Beit Agnon, 37 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem, with the participation of Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich.

Dr. Israel Katz will act as Chairman.

The visit to the graveside will take place at 4.15 p.m. — we will meet at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Friends and those who wish to pay tribute to his memory are invited.

THE FAMILY

We sorrowfully announce the passing of

LUISE MAUTNER

in her 81st year.

The funeral took place at Ra'ba on March 6, 1977.

The Bereaved Family and Moshav Ra'ba

On the first anniversary of the death of

HANOCH GIVTON

a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 8, 1977, at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We shall meet at the Cemetery gates.

The Family and The Israel Broadcasting Authority

Israel Corp. 'B' folding

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Corporation "B" — set up as an investment concern under the Israel Corporation Law — appears to be on the verge of collapse. A motion for liquidation is the first item on the agenda for a general meeting of its shareholders next month.

This was disclosed yesterday by a source close to the company.

At a board of directors meeting in Jerusalem last week, many of the shareholders who have put up the \$3.3m. capital raised so far made it known they want their money back, as prospects for raising the full \$30m. provided by the law appear slim.

The company must raise the \$30m. in capital before the end of 1977 to qualify for the 30-year tax exemption provided for in the law. Its deadline ran out in 1976, but in December the government got an amendment passed extending it by a year.

However, several complications arose to make it seem the money will not be raised; among these are the potential prosecution of financier Samuel Flato (Sharon), who faces possible extradition to France; the criminal charges which might be levelled at contractor Aaron Rubinstein, suspected of smuggling money out of the country and then channelling it back as investment funds in the corporation; and the failure of Swiss financier Nassim Gaon to come through with a pledged investment of \$7m.

On top of this, the corporation's only investment in Israel to date — in the Asala Company — has proved a losing proposition, according to the company's annual report. This led to a decision to withhold further investments until the full capital was raised.

MK Gideon Patt (Likud), expressing disappointment over the prospects of dissolution, placed the blame directly on the government. "The benefits alone are not sufficient to attract investment capital to Israel," he stressed.

Patt also pointed out that Israel Corporation "B" was not offered any projects in which to invest their capital. The late Pinhas Sapir was able to offer "quality projects" to the Israel Corporation.

Yisrael Kargman, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, told The Post last night that Israel Corporation "B" investors would now have to pay up all the taxes on the \$3m. they had raised — which they would not have had to do had the full \$30m. been invested.

Foreign currency reserves up \$19m. in February

Foreign Economic Reporter
Foreign currency reserves increased in February by \$19m. and reached a total of \$1,500m. Government revenue exceeded expenditure by \$150m. in February, after \$114,000m. was injected into the economy in January.

The decline of deficit financing in February is partially explained by the strike of the government accountants which halted payments towards the end of the month, and partially by the high level of injections in January. If the present trend continues, the government deficit in fiscal 1976/77 is expected to reach about \$13,500m. or \$14,000m. more than estimated in the budget.

The main reason for the excess deficit is the shortfall in revenues as compared with the original budget estimates. Revenue from sale of government bonds will be \$14,500m. less than estimated, and revenue from taxes will be \$15,000m. above the budget forecast.

Expenditures, on the other hand, will adhere to the budget forecast and there will be no need for an additional budget this year.



Scientists from the Weizmann Institute constantly observe signs of earthquakes — or any large-scale explosions — which occur at various locations in the world, at their Adolfe Bloch Geophysical

Observatory, which has its many sensitive instruments located inside a deep tunnel dug into a mountain near Eilat. (Starphoto)

Histadrut getting ready to probe money transfers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut controller is "completing preparations" for an investigation into the accounts of Kupat Holim, Solel Boneh, Misha and other labour federation economic institutions to determine whether funds had been transferred to the Labour Party, a senior source in the controller's office said yesterday.

But the investigation will begin only after the Supreme Court hands down its decision on Asher Yadin's appeal. (Yadin, former head of Be'erot Ha'ovdim and Kupat Holim, told The Tel Aviv District Court that Kupat Holim funds had been transferred to the Labour Party.)

The controller's investigation follows a decision in the Histadrut Executive, three weeks ago, to examine possible transfers to "political parties," the source said.

Panthers on trial for Tel Aviv riot

TEL AVIV. — Shalom Cohen and Pinhas Cohen of the Black Panthers, whose trial began yesterday for organizing an unlicensed protest demonstration here three years ago, said it was the police who provoked the riot that resulted from the demonstration.

They said police agents initiated the violence, while they had prevented violent reaction against the police on the part of the demonstrators.

During the protest march, in the vicinity of the Central Bus Station, shop windows were shattered by rocks and some shops were looted. The protest was against price rises of basic commodities. (Itim)

Man accused of robbery, rape held till trial

TEL AVIV. — A convicted murderer who had served a seven-year jail term and is now accused of robbing and raping prostitutes was ordered held in custody until the end of his trial by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Shmuel Kariv, 24, of Ramat Gan was convicted, together with another man, of murdering his aunt, a school headmistress, while he was still a minor. The prosecution now claims he robbed and raped prostitutes in three separate cases.

In one case, according to the prosecution, Kariv picked up a prostitute in his car and took her to a cemetery where he robbed her of her jewelry and \$150, leaving her tied naked to a tree.

The defendant's attorney, Zvi Lidaky, denied the charges and asked that his client be examined by a psychiatrist. The judge agreed that he be examined while under lock and key. (Itim)

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES shop owner Menahem Zuckerman of Haifa was fined \$1400 in Magistrate's Court for selling an electric plug for \$18, while the listed retail price was \$14.32.

Fined for selling low-octane fuel

Four petrol stations have recently been fined for selling petrol at octane rates below the legal minimum.

The Dan Region truckers' petrol station in Azur was fined \$10,000 and its two owners were fined \$10,000 each at the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for selling low-octane petrol. Fuel Administration inspectors who examined the station's fuel twice found that the 94-octane petrol had

State-religion plank threatens split in DMC

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Post Political Reporter

The plank on relations between state and religion in the platform of the Democratic Movement for Change may cause a division between the original Yadin group and part of the Shinui group headed by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein.

Press reports that three DMC leaders had taken strong exception to the plank were played down yesterday by Rubinstein, who himself was one of the three mentioned. The others were Mordechai Wisniewski, former legal adviser of the Tel Aviv Municipality, and Uri Huppert, who resigned last week as an Independent Liberal member of the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Rubinstein told The Jerusalem Post he regretted that the issue had been depicted as a struggle between groups within the party, and said he was sure the differing views could be resolved.

But Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld, who headed the subcommittee which drew up the platform, said that Prof. Rubinstein's concerns on state-religion relations were such that he doubted whether "they were compatible with the standpoint required by a centrist party."

The draft platform declares that it is incumbent on Israel, "as a Jewish society, to retain the principles of Halacha in matters of personal status, while striving to correct the moral distortions." It also supports state financing of religious services, declares that kashruth should be observed in all state institutions, and favours education that will engender respect for Jewish tradition.

The party's Knesset members should have freedom of conscience in all votes on religious matters, the platform states.

When the draft came before the full platform committee, considerable opposition was expressed. Consequently it was referred to a special committee of five, which includes both Gerstenfeld and Rubinstein.

Rubinstein said he regretted that the matter had been aired in the

press while it had yet to be resolved in the committee of five, and dismissed the report as "much ado about nothing."

Dr. Gerstenfeld, one of the original "77" who established the Democratic Movement with Prof. Yigael Yadin, told The Jerusalem Post last night that what they had had in mind was "a mainstream party that united religious and non-religious." As such, it took "a tolerant stand on religious issues and was not seeking a Kulturkampf."

He expressed regret that, following the merger of the Democratic Movement and Shinui, certain religious circles had defined the DMC as adopting an anti-religious position.

"That image was certainly not Professor Yadin's intention, as he assured the religious members when they joined," Gerstenfeld said.

Party headquarters are busy screening some 3,500 auspicious membership applications. These are applications that came in either unsigned, or without the accompanying \$12.5 membership fee, or with one cheque covering several applications, or with a number of applications filed out in the same handwriting. The DMC spokesman stressed that these applications came both from the Jewish and the non-Jewish sector.

The suspicion is that some candidates for nomination to the DMC Knesset list may have induced voters who have no interest in the movement to sign up just to win their votes.

Aviation workers to protest U.S. ban on Kfir sale

TEL AVIV. — Workers of the Israel Aircraft Industry (IAI) planned to demonstrate in front of the U.S. embassy here today to protest the U.S. ban on Kfir fighter aircraft sales to Ecuador — a ban which the workers fear could cause unemployment in their industry.

IAI foreign relations chief Elkana Gali said yesterday that three countries have placed orders for Kfir aircraft with the IAI, but they all are waiting for a final decision by the U.S. Administration on the Ecuador sale. He said he is sure the Administration will change its decision to ban the sale when it is presented with all Israel's arguments by Prime Minister Rabin during his current U.S. tour.

Before Rabin left for the U.S., a delegation of seven members of the IAI workers committee met with him and asked him to press U.S. President Jimmy Carter to raise the ban.

The workers yesterday sent a letter to Rabin in which they regretted he did not emphasize the Kfir problem before taking off from Ben-Gurion airport yesterday morning. They said they were convinced the press reports on his speech did not give adequate coverage to his words on the Kfir ban, and assured the Prime Minister they believed he would raise the subject with the U.S. Administration.

New absorption centre

A 140-room immigrant absorption centre, funded primarily by a U.S. government grant, was dedicated yesterday in Kfar Sava by United Israel Appeal chairman Melvin Dubinsky and William Dozier, economic counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Plane turns back: took bags but left passengers

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A Swissair DC-10 carrying 211 passengers returned to Israel after an hour in the air yesterday when the pilot was notified he had taken off without two Arab passengers, but with their baggage.

The pilot, who turned back while he was over Cyprus for an additional security check, had to jettison 30 tons of fuel before landing at Ben-Gurion.

The pilot was notified of the security risk by airport officials, who discovered during a routine passport check that the visa of one of the Arab passengers had expired. Nadia Awad, who was born in Beit Sahur in the West Bank, but who lives in Michigan, was asked to pay a fine of \$16 for the visa infraction. But while she and her husband, Hanna, were straightening out the matter, their plane, bound for Zurich, took off without them. Their luggage was already on board.

440 members of ILP pick list today

TEL AVIV. — The 440 members of the Independent Liberal Party's Central Committee will nominate their candidates to the Knesset today.

At the meeting in Beit Harotef here, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol will announce whether or not he is a candidate. The minister won a vote of confidence last week when the party's convention overwhelmingly re-elected him as party chairman.

The minister told The Jerusalem Post yesterday there are some personal reasons for not running; but, on the other hand, he is facing strong pressures to lead his party in these elections. (The May elections may be the most crucial for the party, because it must compete with the Democratic Movement for Change for the votes of the centre groups.)

It is also not clear whether MK Yitzhak Golan will run. He told The Post "this is a private, personal matter and I'm not ready to talk about it now."

The vote will be made in two stages — both secret. First, the convention members will choose the 15 people who will be on the list. In the second round, they will set the order of priorities.

Rabin-Peres differences still strain Labour Party

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Attempts to resolve the power struggle between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres slackened yesterday as the Prime Minister flew to the U.S. and the coordinator — party secretary-general Meir Zarmi — fell ill.

But the differences were not allowed to submerge. Alluding to Peres' demand for power equal to Rabin's, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi told the party's campaign manager, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, that party representation and activity must reflect "the moods and views reflected in the convention." Nevertheless, he said, these differences would not stand in the way of cooperation in the election campaign.

A source close to the Defence Minister told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Zarmi was aware of the "mood" in both camps and was "working out an offer which no one can refuse." It is expected next week, he added.

Meanwhile, the arrangements committee which yesterday was to have elected 20 oriental members to the new Central Committee appointed a nine-member subcommittee to make recommendations. Chairman David Kalderon told The Post, "Many people have applied."

The 31-member arrangements committee also examined the "authentic lists" which had been kept in a safe and approved the present list of the new Central Committee members.

While doing so they realized the committee will include 818 members, and not 816 as previously announced. "The previous figure was a mistake," Kalderon explained.

The preparatory committee had recommended a 600-member Central Committee, but the convention endorsed a proposal by Uri Agurai (who heads the Haifa region) to increase the number to 701. A third were to have been selected by the arrangements committee and the rest by the party's 15 regions. But the former failed to limit itself to selecting only 230 members. Its

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Little chance for alliance of NRP, PAY

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The chances of an alliance between the National Religious Party and Poalei Agudat Yisrael (PAY) appear to be extremely slight, if not nonexistent.

Last Thursday, NRP leader Yosef Burg called for "serious negotiations" between the two parties looking to an electoral alliance. He did so in a press communiqué issued after Agudat Yisrael decided not to continue its partnership with PAY.

However, no official proposal has been sent to PAY, and no NRP has taken a stand on this question.

In any case, the general feeling among the PAY leadership seems to be that the party would be better off running independently this time, again, than the internal dissension with the NRP and Aguda may result in PAY winning a third Knesset seat.

That is something that PAY has never yet accomplished.

PAY's present Knesset member, Rabbi Kalman Kahana, also a member of the party's list, has announced his intention to run for the party's list. The place is being contested by Hagit Kahana, a Jerusalem lawyer; Rami Ya'acobi, Katsenelenbogen, deputy chairman of the Jerusalem Religious Council; and Shalom Rotem, former deputy director general of the Interior Ministry. The party's candidates will be chosen by its executive on Thursday.

The meeting of the NRP's executive, which will choose its Knesset slate, has been postponed four days to March 20, for what was described as "technical reasons." According to party secretary-general, Bernstein, former Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael has promised that his faction will cooperate actively in the party election campaign, which is scheduled to get under way this week.

Raphael recently made peace with the other NRP factions after he had united to oust him from the party leadership.

recommendations meant there would be 799 members (although the chairman had erroneously told the convention there would be 798).

After the list was read, Haim Dehan, complained that the decision to grant a third of the seats to Oriental members had been undermined. According to the convention, the arrangements committee to elect another 20.



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Forced out of Jerusalem slums into worse conditions'

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RESIDENTS who were moved from their slum neighbourhoods in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv into conditions they claim are worse are forming a nationwide organization to fight for their rights.

At a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem, present and past residents of Mamilla, the Fast Hotel, Yemin Moshe and other quarters in the capital complained that they had been pressured to leave their homes without adequate compensation.

And the "renewal" of their old neighbourhoods, which raised the prices far beyond their means, fattened the pockets of the contractors who did the work, the residents charged.

Elimelech Ron, chairman of the Tel Aviv former slum-dwellers association, said residents of the three major cities shared a common fight against state-municipal housing companies "responsible for the social deterioration of hundreds of thousands of people" (in Jerusalem, the Frastot company; in Tel Aviv, Halamish; and in Haifa, Shikuma).

"The purpose of the government is to make money, or to rehabilitate populations where they are instead of moving them from disadvantage to greater disadvantage," he said.

Katharine Hirsch, chairman of the Jerusalem committee for neighbourhood advancement, said the committee had brought together former Mamilla residents with those still in the neighbourhood "to give them strength to stay where they are."

She claimed some Mamilla residents had got nothing when they left on receipt of expropriation orders in 1970. Those who could pay a lawyer got more, and those who could fight got better apartments, she said. About 500 families are involved in the expropriations in Jerusalem.

Baruch Eliaz, a member of one of the families remaining in Mamilla, pointed out that for 19 years the residents of the border neighbourhood had suffered from sniping by Arab Legionnaires. He said, "We were under watchdogs on the border, and you told us we were heroes."

They had no kindergartens or schools in the neighbourhood, he added. Many families shared the same large rooms, bathrooms were outside, and there were two street lights on Rehov Mamilla.

In 1971 a survey of the neighbourhood was carried out by the National Insurance Institute. Each family apparently described his situation in the blackest terms, expecting some help, Eliaz said. Instead, the survey was used to assess the flats for compensation, he declared.

Each time a family moves out, Eliaz complained, the Karta company (in charge of the Mamilla development plan) knocks down walls, making life "not very aesthetic" for the remaining families. He pulled out a bedsheet full of holes to demonstrate that residents also suffered from rat infestation.

Eliaz said that families had been settled in "disadvantaged" areas such as Shmuel Hanavi and Rehov Brazil. They paid much higher rent than promised at the time of their move, were far away from the cheap markets where they used to shop, and had to pay much more for transportation downtown.

The speakers demanded that the residents who had moved be given their flats free in return for the flats they gave up in Mamilla, the Fast Hotel or Yemin Moshe, and that remaining residents be included in the renewal project "instead of millions of dollars."

Nan Hartuv, a spokesman for Karta, said the company had not forced anyone to leave the Mamilla area. "They got more money than their apartments were worth," he said. He felt it was unfair for them to get any more than, for instance, Nahlat residents who had been "cleared" under another urban renewal programme.

Hartuv believed the majority of the resettled families were satisfied with their new conditions. Regarding destruction of parts of the buildings in which Mamilla residents still lived, he said the residents themselves had asked that squatters — "prostitutes and hashish smokers" — be prevented from settling in. Regarding the rats, he said "we bring in exterminators at our own expense."



The Fast Hotel, which bordered on Mamilla and faced Jaffa Gate, was still inhabited in 1969. One of the former residents claimed at a press conference yesterday that it was demolished to make way for part of a national park — and then designated as a hotel site.

Prisons deny feeding Arab inmates by force

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Security prisoners on hunger strikes at Ashkelon and other prisons around the country are being fed through tubes.

A prison official denied that the tube feeding was forced, saying that this method was carried out with the consent of the prisoners. But he could not explain why the prisoners preferred tube feeding to eating normally.

Felicia Langer, who represents one of the prisoners in Ashkelon — Mohammed Mahdi Bessou, 30, of Gaza — said her client told her that the feeding inmates had been forced by guards armed with sticks to agree to tube feeding.

She said the prisoners are seeking the same prison conditions given

Jewish prisoners. They want less crowded living conditions, more visits, more food and better medical treatment, she said.

Ms. Langer claimed that 230 inmates are on hunger strikes, while another 200 are refusing to work or see visitors.

A prison official said the strikes began on February 26 by 215 inmates in the Ashkelon prison. Subsequently many of the inmates were transferred to prisons around the country. A number of prisoners have reportedly stopped their hunger strike, but the official refused to indicate how many.

An earlier hunger strike in Ashkelon began in late December of last year and ended early in February.

Shatta inmate's murder described in court

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — One of the three Shatta Prison inmates who allegedly killed fellow inmate Yehiel Nagar last June turned state's witness and described in court yesterday how the other two had carried out the killing.

Talal Hadjazi of Jerusalem's Old City testified for five hours, while others among the 16 accused and their defence attorneys interjected several times, saying he was under the influence of drugs and should be given a medical examination — which the judges rejected.

He described how he, together with Zion Rubabchi and Ben-Ner Ashri, broke into Nagar's cell, on which the lock had been changed earlier by others of the accused. Rubabchi, armed with a metal bar, struck Nagar's head, while Ashri stabbed him in the neck, Hadjazi said, with a knife smuggled into the prison.

The three then returned to their cells and changed their blood-stained clothes, then went back to work as though nothing had happened. During this time the wardens were kept occupied in the mess-hall by others of the accused who staged a fight and locked the doors from the outside.

The murder had been planned carefully for a long time, Hadjazi said. The "brains" behind it was Sami Elhazayem, head of a gang calling itself "The Avenging Hand," which aimed at establishing supreme rule over the other prisoners. The gang had struck out at other prisoners earlier: it had "sentenced" a prisoner named Mustafa Belkis to have his legs and arms broken, and had carried out the sentence. It had also

"sentenced" prisoners to rape. This gang, according to the witness, was able to smuggle narcotics and weapons into prison — including a revolver which was to be used for executing one of the inmates, but which was discovered on time by a vigilant warden. Even inmates in solitary confinement were able to obtain drugs, he added.

Relatives of the 16 inmates charged in the murder were allowed into the courtroom yesterday, after an agreement reached between the police and defence attorneys. At earlier hearings they were barred, both because the courtroom is small and because from the start of the trial the prisoners were unruly and fought the police.

Pension funds give less to more needy

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most pension funds, including the Histadrut's, give the least benefit to those who need it most. This "regressive" quality discriminates against production workers in favour of white-collar workers. Because of the jobs they occupy, workers of Asian and African descent are at a disadvantage in comparison to workers of European and American descent.

These findings emerged from a research project at the Brookdale Institute of Gerontology and Adult Human Development, Israel Katz, director of the institute, announced yesterday.

Katz said that for every pound invested in a pension fund, such as the Histadrut's Mivtahim, the white-collar worker receives ILS 20, and the blue-collar worker only 92 agorot. The lowest-grade worker, with the least formal education, receives 85 agorot for a pound invested.

To correct the present situation, Katz called for a national pension fund which applies to all workers, relative to their income, but as "progressive" as possible (i.e. relatively more favourable to the poor).

Katz pointed out that 300,000 pensioners are affected. They should occupy a high position among the country's social priorities, he said.

Architects force freeze of fund they call abused

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Architects Society, which broke away from the Association of Engineers and Architects (IAEA), has succeeded in its court battle to prevent the latter from spending money in a fund established to promote export of know-how.

Architect Ezra Rogen and the Architects Society had obtained an injunction from the District Court here barring further spending of the fund's money, claiming the fund was meant for them as well but was being abused. Justice Yoel Sussman, president of the Supreme Court, yesterday upheld that order.

Rogen and the Architects Society claimed there were millions of pounds in the fund, collected from fees paid by the government to engineers and architects. But the fund, they alleged, gave money mostly to those with close ties to it, and was not used for its intended purpose.

The fund's board director, Moshe Mann (general manager of the Tefnot Mortgage Bank), and the president of the IAEA, Elhanan Peles, denied this. But District Court Judge Hanna Ezeron pointed out that the agreement drawn up between the government and the IAEA regarding the fund remained a total mystery.

She said the fund's money did not belong to the state but was held by the Accountant-General for architects and engineers. The architects are entitled to demand supervision on its spending, even if they broke away from the IAEA, the judge added.

200 buyers expected for jewelry fair

About 200 buyers are expected to attend the first Jerusalem Jewelry and Arts and Crafts Fair, which Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev will open officially this morning at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

Early buyers arrived on Saturday night and yesterday, coming from as far away as Thailand and Australia. The largest contingent, 75 people, is coming from the U.S.; and small groups are arriving from South Africa, Sweden, Holland and the rest of Europe. Buyers will be examining goods by 87 Israeli firms — gold and silver jewelry, costume jewelry, religious art, batiks, olive wood carvings, glass and even some handmade dolls.

Technion professor: Israel experts should study Rumanian quake

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel experts should be sent to Rumania to study the effects of the recent earthquake and apply what they learn to improve building standards so as to reduce the degree of destruction in the event of a similar disaster here. This was urged yesterday by Prof. Ephraim Spiro of the Technion's Civil Engineering faculty.

Asked by The Jerusalem Post to comment on the widespread quake damage caused in Bucharest, Spiro said: "So strong a quake in an urban centre does not leave much chance to prevent heavy damage. But if the buildings were properly planned and constructed they should not have collapsed, which would have prevented much of the loss of life."

He pointed out that Rumania had sufficient expertise in seismology and building standards. "The fact that a disaster did occur in a developed country which pursues scientific research indicates either poor application of its knowledge, or that the quake force far exceeded what the experts expected," he said.

Spiro headed a working group which prepared Israel's new building standards, established in November 1975. He said the new standards are aimed at safeguarding buildings against earthquakes up to an intensity of nine on the modified Mercalli scale of 12 degrees of intensity. This corresponds to a force of just under seven on the Richter scale, and is the strongest intensity of earthquake believed possible in Israel's high-risk areas. (Rumania's quake registered 7.2 on the Richter scale.)

For the purpose of Israel's new building standards, the country is divided into three quake risk zones.

The coastal plain and the Mediterranean shore are in the lowest risk zone; the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea area and the Tiran Straits are the highest. Medium-risk zones are the mountains of Galilee, Judea and Ephraim, as well as the Arava.

The standards determine specific construction requirements for each zone, Spiro said. "If buildings conform to these standards, they have a good chance of withstanding earthquakes with no more than minor damage. They should certainly ensure the survival of their inhabitants, provided the quake does not exceed an intensity of nine."

However, more seismic research is needed to enable the experts to apply the standards with greater precision, he said. As to buildings constructed according to the older, inadequate standards, he said it was technically possible — but expensive — to reinforce them.

Week needed to complete phone calls to Rumania

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least a week will be needed to fill the orders placed with international phone operators for calls to quake-ravaged Rumania, a Communications Ministry official predicted yesterday.

"This morning we succeeded in putting through calls ordered Saturday morning," he told The

Jerusalem Post, as more orders for calls continued to be placed.

Israel has no direct dialling ties with Rumania; hence, all calls to that country must be routed through the "Dial18" international telephone exchange in Tel Aviv.

The official said additional operators have been assigned to the exchange to help cope with the wave of calls to Rumania. Meanwhile, the ministry has appealed to all persons who have ordered calls to be patient and wait for the operator to call them back. There is no need to "remind" the international exchange, he emphasized, adding that repeated inquiries only tie up the lines to and from the exchange.

A spokesman for Magen David Adom said yesterday physicians, medical equipment and field hospitals are standing by for immediate departure to Rumania once an official request for assistance is made.

Prof. Moshe Many of Tel Hashomer Hospital, who heads international relations for Magen David Adom, said his organization cannot give aid unless it receives an official request from a nation in trouble, its Red Cross or the International Red Cross.

"We have offered assistance and we have received a note of appreciation for the offer. But we have not received a request," Many said.

The Rumanian Ambassador is expected to discuss the aid question at a meeting in Jerusalem today.

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Demanding freedom from prejudices

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

IL AVIV. — Leaders of the feminist movement say they will remain non-party and open to women of all political persuasions. The new women's Party, they told women nationalists last week, is "just another party as far as we're concerned and we have no connection to it."

The feminists had invited the journalists to see their new clubhouse (at Rehov Dizengoff) and to learn of movement's demands, which are circulating among all the parties. (One of the feminists said she sees the parties will fight with each other to see which can do more to advance the status of women, to which the journalist replied that this sounded like the prophetic vision of the "end days.")

It could have been predicted, the movement's political platform calls for changes in the educational system to eliminate sex role stereotypes; opening more occupations, and at higher levels, to women; abolishing the law during the first three months of pregnancy and basic law on the status of men and civil marriage and divorce. The feminists admitted that there have been some improvements in women's status over the last few years, including the opening up of new jobs to girl soldiers in the army.

You can't take all the credit for the feminist movement, said a representative of the women's magazine "Davar," who was fighting these same battles

50 years ago.

"But then all the women went to sleep for 20 years," complained one of the feminists.

The militant women complained that feminism is "a dirty word" in Israel and that nobody understands them. "Most Israeli women associate us with burning bras rather than with our philosophy that every woman should have the right to choose the life-style she wants and should enjoy respect and equal opportunity."

Turning to the journalists, one feminist leader complained that successful women, when interviewed in the new media, are always asked their feelings about feminism or "Women's Lib" and always give negative replies.

"Perhaps it would be better if you didn't ask the question at all," she suggested to the newspaperwomen, "or maybe you could phrase the question differently so that it wouldn't arouse such disgust in the interviewee."

"We had exactly the same discussion two years ago," one of the feminists replied, "and I told you then that semantics work against you. When you say 'Women's Lib' everyone thinks you mean liberation from men. I know you mean liberation from prejudices and the right to full self-realization, the right to be successful and still be a woman. But the public doesn't understand that."

"Why don't you journalists explain us to the public? Some newspapers



At what age do prejudices take hold? (Mike Goldberg)

seem to think our movement is a joke."

Then everyone started talking at once, just like at non-feminist women's gatherings, and the meeting ended without any conclusions being reached.

other anti-fungus material will help. Never provide urea or sulphate of ammonia feedings to fungus-infested spots, because those salts will increase the moisture!

The first step towards "healing" bald spots is to find out the reason for them. Sometimes worms or mole crickets (*kelav-mayim*) in bigger quantities cause damage similar to fungi. To fight and kill lawn grubs, use poison. Sulfanilic acid, metanilol, and heptachlor are recommended.

Tools for lawn maintenance

In addition to the common tools for routine garden work (fork and spade for digging, a broad rake for leveling the ground, two dibbers and a string to fix the planting lines, one or two rubber baskets for soil and manure, a watering system with pipes and sprinklers) you will need big garden shears, which can also be used to trim hedges, and an "edge-trimmer" (a long-handled tool with a sharp half-moon steel-blade, which enables you to remove easily all lawn side sprouts). Finally you need a mowing machine.

If your lawn area does not exceed 50 sq.m., you can cut the grass once or twice a week during the summer with a simple hand mower. If you have a larger lawn, you will do better with a petrol or battery driven motor mower. It is especially important to use a mower with sharp blades, which whirl round and chop off the heads of all plants coming within its compass. Dull blades bruise the young leaves, which will turn yellow and brown and die — and they may also pull whole plants out of the ground. Always clean thoroughly and oil your mowing machine after use.

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Walter Frankl

More on lawns



need more food than loam or clay soils, but if you prepared the soil according to the directions here, you will get a satisfactory lawn for several years — without the aid of surface feed.

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VISITOR'S GALLERY:

William F. Hyland

Attracting Catholic tourists

THERE IS a tremendous tourist potential among Catholics — and Israelis must learn how to tap it. This is the opinion of Mr. William F. Hyland, 32, Attorney-General of New Jersey, here on a brief tour with other leading American lawyers as guests of the Foreign Ministry. It is Mr. Hyland's second visit to Israel.

Mr. Hyland believes there is a dynamic revival in interest in religious affairs among American Catholics. Enrollment in Catholic schools is on the rise, and more and more Catholics are taking a deeper look at the roots of their religion, which stems from the Middle East.

"Yet, most of my co-religionists have only the vaguest ideas about Israel. Some of them don't even make a direct connection with the Holy Land and Judaism," he says.

"I believe that a tremendous interest in Jewish affairs could be awakened among American Catholic youngsters simply by arranging for them to come to Israel on youth pilgrimages. When they go abroad, these young people think first of visiting Italy or France." He would like to see special "Catholic youth pilgrimage tours to the Holy Land" by charter flights.

Mr. Hyland recalls how his first visit awakened in him an intense interest in the Holy Land. His only criticism was that "few hotels stock books for Christian pilgrims; I had



to revert to using the Bible as a tour guide."

William Hyland grew up in a mixed Jewish-Catholic-Protestant neighborhood in Camden, New Jersey, across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. In fact, his family lived only a few houses away from the Bethel Synagogue, and since he had many Jewish friends, they pressed him into service as a "shabbos boy." His interest in Jewish affairs probably stems from this period.

While working his way through the University of Pennsylvania, he played together during weekend evenings in "beer joints" with other part-time musicians, including a well-known Camden physician, Dr. Harry Gartzman. (Hyland played the clarinet and saxophone). And it was Dr. Gartzman who was influential in getting him to make his first trip to Israel.

To Mr. Hyland, Israel means more than the cradle of religions. "Israel is a symbol of what we are trying to create, and preserve, in the United States, specifically in the fields of freedom of expression, doing away with discriminatory practices against people with other backgrounds, and holding in line the extremists from both right and left."

MAGGIE DEAN

'Colour channel needed to unfreeze Israel TV'

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW colour TV channels being built by Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and other Arab states will lure viewers away from Israel TV programmes, unless the Broadcasting Authority introduces a second channel in colour.

This warning comes from Yitzhak Kol, director of the Herzliya Studios Ltd., in a memorandum he has sent to members of the Authority's plenum and of the Knesset's committees of finance and education and culture.

Kol wrote that within the next three or five years, broadcasting by the oil-rich countries will be well developed and form a powerful communications centre along with existing TV stations in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Gulf States. "The failure to activate an additional channel in colour will force our viewers in the region, within a relatively short period, to stray... from our isolated and frozen channel."

Kol told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that Herzliya Studios — an independent production firm established in 1949 by Margot Klausner — has demanded a colour channel for years, and is itself ready to produce

programmes for TV in colour. He sent his memorandum — before the elections — "to force the parties to address themselves to the issue."

Jordan, with only 150,000 TV sets (compared with 600,000 in Israel), is making an energetic attempt to expand its broadcasting, he argued. Not only Jordanians, but also Israelis and Arabs in the administered territories are switching the dial to Jordan. "This has substantial political, security and social significance," Kol stated.

An investment of \$4m. is needed for a second Israeli channel — part of which can come from foreign investors and partly from private Israeli sources. The studio's director-general suggests that newspapers also take part, as does "The Daily News" in New York, which owns a TV and radio station. He estimates that it would take two years to set up nationwide broadcasting on a second channel from the date the decision is taken.

Kol urged that the Authority order regular public opinion surveys (like Nielsen ratings in the U.S.) to gauge viewer attitudes towards shows and thus raise their quality.

Dutch take second look at Palestinian families

By HENRIETTE BOAS / Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM. — "A Reason to Go" is the title of a Dutch-made, mainly English-language documentary about two Palestinian families in the Lebanon, recently shown on the Roman Catholic TV station here.

In February 1975, George Sluizer and Fred van Kuyk made a documentary on the Palestinians in the Lebanon just before the civil war broke out. They concentrated on two families — a Moslem family living in a refugee camp near Beirut and a well-to-do Christian family living in a comfortable flat. Both families dreamed only of returning to their homes in Palestine.

Last month, the two Dutch filmmakers went back to the Lebanon to see how their families are faring two years later, and the new documentary shows what they found.

Despite the fighting, both families are still alive and well. The head of the Christian family said the war had been between right-wing Phalangists and left-wing Lebanese and Palestinians, that it had been planned "far away," that it was a struggle between "imperialists" — Syria and Israel — on the one hand

and Arab solidarity on the other. The Moslem family had moved from the camp to a safer place in the city. One son is working for the PLO radio station and another is being trained as an officer in El Fatah. One daughter is studying electronics in Bologna on an Italian Government scholarship. Interviewed in Italy by the Dutch film-makers, she said she had chosen electronics because this would be useful for the Lebanese revolt and it was only through revolution in the Lebanon that Palestine can be liberated.

A son of the Christian family has also received a scholarship — to study foreign relations and diplomacy. He hopes to get a diplomatic job with the PLO or the future Palestinian state.

Asked whether the Palestinians in the Lebanon should hand over their weapons, all members of both families responded emphatically in the negative. "We are a spearhead of the Arab revolution," a son of the Christian family said at the end of the 40-minute programme.

Exotic fish, plants coming to Haifa for Floris '77 expo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An international flower show is to be held here again, this year, after a break of four years. Floris '77, opening on March 31 and lasting until April 10, will be larger than the April 1973 event. It will cover areas Gan Ha'em, an international pavilion across the street, a temporary structure on loan from the Port Authority on a site made available by the Federman family, and the Carmel Auditorium.

Over 20 foreign countries are expected to take part in the event, and more than 200,000 visitors are expected. Admission charges this year

will be IL12 for adults and IL5 for the young, soldiers and students.

Floris '77 is organized by the Haifa Exhibitions Company, a city enterprise, together with the Ministries of Agriculture, Education and Culture, the Flower Growing and Marketing Board, the Growers Association and the Katz Flowers Company as a contractor. This year's show will include several innovations, including exotic fish from the Gulf of Eilat and the Far East, rare cactuses, rare flowers grown in Holland, and fountains. Foreign and local experts will work together on setting up and maintaining the show.

Absorption can be humorous

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If laughing at problems helps to cope with them, then the play "Lies My Shalich Told Me or Paradise Found," presented last month at Z.O.A. House here by the American Mizrahi Women in Israel, should make *olim* with complaints feel better.

The musical comedy, written by new settlers, takes two immigrant couples (one American and one Russian) through Jewish Agency offices where the workers are too busy sipping tea to help them, to contractors who will finish building in three years "maybe," etc. The play was written a year ago, but it has been updated to include recent strikes, the Yadin case, the Israeli basketball team's victory over the Russians and other current events.

The music consists of parodies on well-known songs. "If I were a rich man" becomes "If I were an *olah*" sung by the cleaning woman as she tries on the American immigrant's mink coat and reads the list of "privileges." "The street where you live" turns into "the land where you give" when the husband receives his first pay cheque slip and sees how little of his income is really his own.

This had been the second performance of the play at Z.O.A. House and the third performance altogether, since it had been played in someone's home for a small audience last year. "After working so hard, we have to think it's all over so soon," said Rivka Rosenberg, senior author of the play and its director. "We'd like to take it to Jerusalem but that requires the guts to rent a hall. Here, the Tel Aviv chapter of Mizrahi rented the hall and sold the tickets."

Though the only criterion for being in the play was willingness to come regularly to rehearsals, it turned out that the participants had good voices and succeeded in making the audience laugh.

Incidentally, one of the two building contractors in the play is a contractor in real life. "We were almost ashamed to ask him to play the part," Mrs. Rosenberg said, "because we make fun of contractors and show them as dishonest. But he was a good sport about it."

Reward of flight

Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE PIGEON that Irit found in her garden one morning seemed to be almost without life. She picked it up carefully, found it still warm and detected a faint pulse-beat.

Irit is a normal, 14-year-old Jerusalem school-girl, except that she is prettier than most and loves all creatures, great and small.

She took the bird into the house and made it a bed of sawdust in the bath-room.

"I must give it milk," she told her parents. "Do you remember how I saved the kitten that had been poisoned by giving it milk? Perhaps the pigeon pecked at some poisoned food put down for rabid dogs."

Day by day, regardless of her homework and her youth movement activities, Irit ministered tenderly to the sick bird. Even her pet cat was not allowed to enter the house. Gradually, day by day, the bird's pulse strengthened, it moved its head, it tried its wings.

Six days later, the pigeon seemed restored to health. "Now I must let it go," Irit told her parents. "It will only be happy when it can fly freely."

Irit gave her patient a farewell treat of crumbled cake crumbs, a last sip of milk. Then she kissed the bird and sent it off on its way. As she did so, her father sensibly thought of taking the accompanying photograph.

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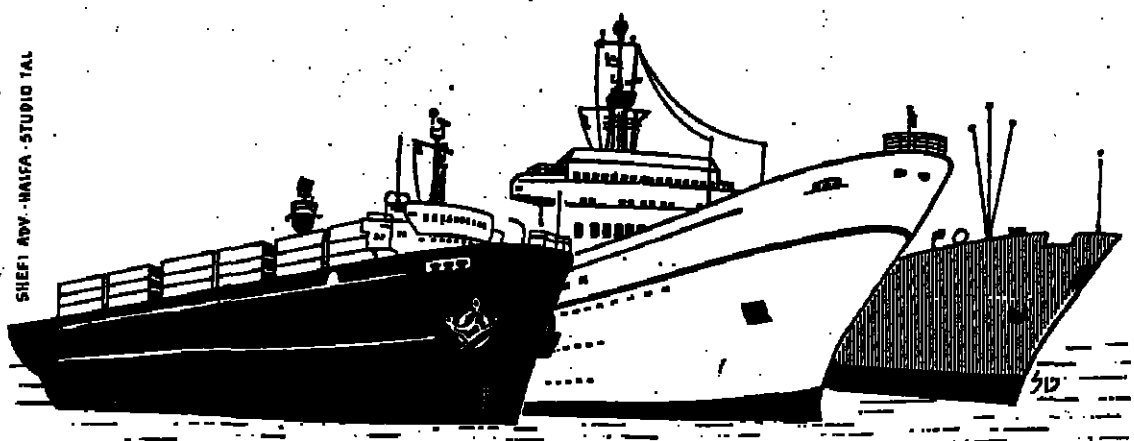
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West Berlin exhibit opens here

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A West Berlin delegation headed by Senator Harry Ristow and trade union leaders attended the opening of the Haifa Auditorium on Saturday night of their exhibition, "A City in Search of its Future."
 The display depicts Berlin — in photographs, slides, models, maps and posters — from the beginning of the century to the present. The stress is placed on the reconstruction of Berlin after 1945, when 80 per cent of the Nazi capital lay in ruins.
 Since then, 500,000 flats, 150 schools and dozens of miles of subway have been built, "carefully but not timidly," Senator Ristow, who is in charge of the city's building and housing, told exhibition visitors.

Mayor Yerubam Zeisel, welcoming the guests, said people in Israel followed with "interest and respect" the spiritual and material reconstruction of the city after the Nazi era, during which Berlin turned into "a valley of death" for the Jews.
 The exhibition will be shown here until March 16 and then travel to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba.

German textbooks on Jews called 'superficial'

TEL AVIV. — History textbooks in West Germany have been criticized by Israeli educators for treating the German-Jewish "confrontation" throughout history in a superficial manner. This emerged in a recent joint seminar held by German and Israeli educators at Beit Soker yesterday.

At the seminar, the latest in an ongoing series which began 15 years ago, Israeli teachers said it was not enough merely to mention the Holocaust in West German textbooks. To combat ignorance and the rising influence of neo-Nazism, it is necessary to tell the story of Germany's Jews and their contribution to that country's society, science and culture over the past 1,000 years, the Israelis maintained.

The seminar ended with mutual agreement on the need to fight manifestations of anti-Semitism, neo-Nazism and anti-Zionism in Germany today.

The next seminar will be held in Germany next September with the participation of young educators from both countries. (Him)

Explosion-proof light bulb

STOCKHOLM. — An electric light bulb which cannot explode has been developed by Sweden's Coop Union, which has a patent pending on the invention.

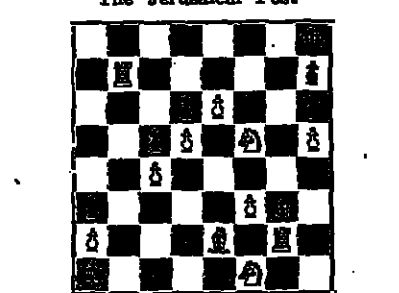
When the filament breaks in a conventional bulb, an electric arc is formed which causes the air inside to expand. This can in turn result in the glass shattering.

In the new bulb, the cement used to bind the bulb with its base is given an admixture of calcium fluoride. When the filament breaks, the admixture generates halogen gas, which neutralizes the current-carrying ions and instantly extinguishes the electric arc.

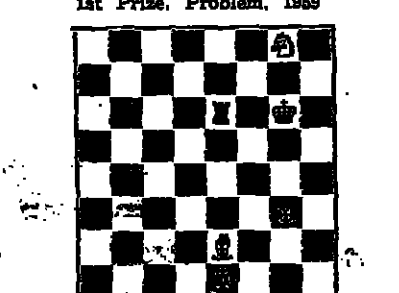
The new bulb affords improved safety without involving any increase in price, a factory spokesman said.

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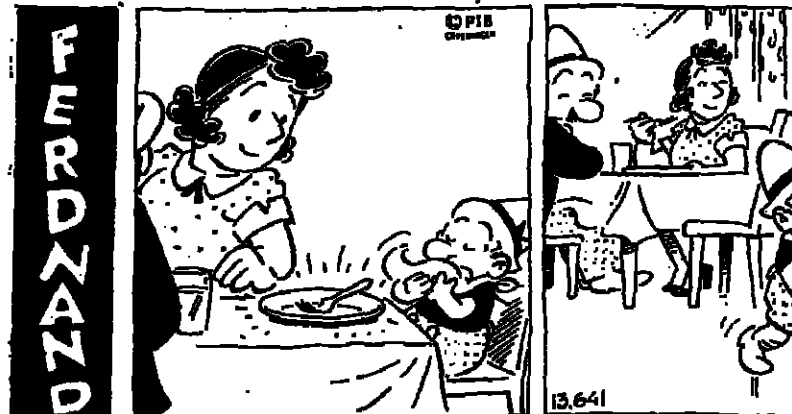
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 7.07 Morning concert — Weinanovsky: Italian Sonnets; Tolstoy: Concerto for Recorder in C Major; Bach: Suite No. 3 in D Major; Mozart: Così fan tutte Overture; Haydn: Cello Sonata No. 2 in D Major; Rachmaninoff: Moment musical No. 1 in B Minor; Szymanowski: Violin Concerto No. 1; Borodin: Symphony No. 2 in B Minor (Soviet Union).

Second Programme
 10.00 Radio story
 10.05 Gerald Robbins, piano — Scarlatti: 3 Sonatas; Beethoven: Sonata in G-flat Major, Op. 22; Joplin: Capriccio; Albin: 3 Pieces from Iberia

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Shares down slightly

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Shares continued slightly lower as trading volume declined. The General Index dropped 0.01 per cent to 115.79 points. Last week's performance, which saw 59 shares advance, 25 decline and 26 remain unchanged, seemed to spill over to yesterday's session. But there is little doubt that there is a strong underlying interest in the share market.

The proof was the 28,000 applications for a total of \$47,000 units of the new CLAL Industries issue. The company's offer was only 80,000 units of convertible debentures and options at their nominal value of IL450 per unit. It may be that institutional and private investor interest is being focused on the new issue market.

This week IDB is coming into the market with its offering of IL40m. convertible shares to be issued at IL140. The unit will include a IL20 option which adds up to IL170 for the package. Still to come is Bank Leumi's issue, which will include

1150m. IL1 ordinary shares together with options convertible into 28 million shares. Also on offer will be IL150m. 18 per cent 1981-1990 convertible capital notes, together with IL150m. options.

Most observers feel that the market will absorb these issues in relatively routine fashion. But there is little doubt that this activity is having its effect on shares that are already trading.

Financial issues once again seemed to be consolidating their recent gains, with little price movement in evidence. The mortgage bank shares followed suit.

Most active issues

B. Leumi	363 N.C.	IL571,200
I.D.B.	(Pref. + Opt.)	149.5 N.C. IL602,400
Hapoalim	367+1.0	IL204,700
Shares traded:		IL12.4m.
Variables:		IL15.7m.
Bonds:		IL14.2m.
Natad:		IL10.48
Demand:		\$120,000
Turnover:		\$128,000

Solel Boneh 10% pref.	b	410	410
Property & Building	b	387.5	387.5
Leas	b	225	225
Macharia	b	325.5	325.5
I.C.P. Chrus	b	352	352
Neot Aviv	b	337	342
Pri Or Ltd.	b	479.5	480
Rasoco - 8% pref.	b	205	205
Rasoco	b	160	161

INDUSTRIAL	r	848	848
Alliance - B	r	430	435
Electra - 2	r	317	318
Electra - 5	r	296	305
Argaman - 8%	r	178	177
Ata - C	r	514	505
Dubek	r	135	135
Elect. Wire & Cable	r	1205	1190
Teva	r	225	220
Chem. & Phosphates	r	195	185
Levin Epstein	r	225	240
Moller Textile	r	287	289
Paper Mills	r	222	225
Amis - B	r	750	751
Neohustan 8% pref.	r	354.5	354
Elite	r	174.5	180
Semen - 8% pref.	r	169.5	168
Frutaron New	r	625	620
Elron IL2	r		

INVESTMENT	r	243	242
COOPANES	r	350	352
Eliger	r	335	350
Israel Central Trade	r	264	264.5
Hapoalim	r	516	524
Wolpin - IL10	r	164	165
Amis - 1	r	167	162
Discount	r	265	268
United Mizrahi	r	225	221
Bank Leumi	r	280.5	282
Elron	r	508	505
Export Bank	r	180	188
Cial	r	223	223
Cial Industries	r	223	224

FUEL, OIL	r	1110	1150
AND UTILITIES	r	1290	1320
Naphta OTC	r	—	1900
Lapidot OTC	r	—	1700
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JERUSALEM JEWELLERY AND ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR



Yehuda Neker in a creative mood

Capturing the beauty of bubbles in glass

By JOANNA YEHEIL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

In amongst the carpenter shops at the back of Mea Shearim, in a house which looks as old and dusty as Jerusalem itself, is a workshop where some eight or 10 men create glass which is world famous.

Sitting behind wooden work benches, their breath transforming molten glass into marvellous shapes, they could be glassworkers in Tyre and Acre thousands of years ago — except for the fact that they are using blow torches and wearing sunglasses to protect their eyes from the flames.

This is where Neker Glass is made; everyone knows it, yet how many realise it is the product of such a small outfit. Neker glassware in shape and colour is close to the ancient glassware we see in the Ha'aretz Glass Museum — vases with round bases and long, tubular necks, small round handles, some with snake-like spouts, coloured in smoky pastels. Or, a relatively new venture, it is ultra-modern geometric clear shapes, as refined in shape as a test-tube.

Five brothers began Neker Glass 15 years ago, in this house at 6, Beit Yisrael St., where they grew up. All the brothers are sabras; their parents came from Baghdad. Their father was a carpenter, which explains why he chose this particular street to live in. It took the oldest brother, Yehuda, to learn glassblowing while at university; and start a new industry with his other brothers. At present, there are three brothers still in the firm — Yehuda, Mordechai and Eliahu.

Neker Glass goes to the U.S., to Germany and to Australia; it is also sold in this country at Maskit, at

Gold of Jerusalem

By JOANNA YEHEIL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

When Eytan and Noga Ben-David decided to set up an Israeli jewellery factory in 1972, a certain song was still appearing with monotonous regularity on our hit parades — so the brothers switched the words of the little around and came up with the perfect name for their new firm: Gold of Jerusalem.

Since that moment, the firm hasn't had a chance to look back — sales rose from \$17,000 in the first year to \$200,000 last year, and they are expected to top that magic million dollar mark very soon.

Although, as owner-director-manager Eytan Ben-David stressed, they are not prepared to sacrifice quality for more sales. "For me, it's more important to go a little slower. We may not reach the firm this year — but then we will next. Our chief aim is keeping our customers happy."

Eytan is no newcomer to the jewellery business, although the firm is new itself. Born in Israel, his father was in the pearl business, and after the army, Eytan went to the U.S. to study, also working in the pearl import market to keep himself. Gradually, pearls took over (as they had with his brothers), and Eytan found himself in the business of supplying pearls to jewellery manufacturers. At one point, he told me, the family had seven branches all over the world, run by his brothers and cousins.

But he still yearned to return to Israel, and was virtually ready packed to come home, without a job or much prospect of one, when a customer suggested that instead he go into business with him in Canada: the business of making jewellery.

"Afterwards, you can open a branch in Israel," he was told.

Which is how Gold of Jerusalem was born, associated with D & G Jewellery of Montreal, and with the Julius Young Manufacturing Co. of New York.

Considering its sales figures, the factory, in the capital's Shatan Centre in Givat Shaul, is small. Inside



Elegant evening set of gold and precious stones by Gold of Jerusalem

the virtually hermetically sealed doors — when you're using gold and precious gem stones, you don't take risks — are some 15 workers, four of them administrative.

To get good work from craftsmen, Eytan stressed, one must have a good relationship with one's workers. If an outfit gets too big too fast, the employer-employee relationship gets lost. "If I had a factory three times this size, I wouldn't get three times the work or the quality that I get now."

Gold of Jerusalem makes mass-produced jewellery — as opposed to handmade jewellery — and the basis of its output is the rubber moulds of jewellery models, which it gets from its New York partners. Designs are

made in New York, and, Eytan told me, they are deliberately kept fairly conservative. "We go with the current styles — but carefully, we don't overdo it. People admire something new, but they don't buy it. When they are spending several hundred dollars for gold and gem stones, they don't want to buy something that will be out of fashion after one season."

When the local factory gets the rubber models, it makes a plaster cast, into which the liquid gold is passed at great heat, then cooled. (The pure 24 carat gold is imported, from London, Switzerland or Germany.) The set forms, mounted on a "tree" are then separated, given a first shine, then given to a craftsman for further checking, polishing, and addition of precious stones. The stones can be sapphires, emeralds, pearls, opals, diamonds, or anything the customer cares to order.

The customer may often order the same design of bracelet, necklace or ring, with a different stone or stones. Unlike most other mass production industries, such as clothes or textiles for example, where orders run into the thousands, on the gold jewellery market, the numbers of each item are very small — Eytan's firm, for example, produces at most one or two dozen of each item, and only three or four go to each customer.

Customers' taste varies from country to country. Gold of Jerusalem produces much more for the European market — "We don't want to compete with our American and Canadian partners."

According to Eytan, in Germany and Israel, like the U.S., people prefer to buy 14 carat gold, while in England and the rest of Europe they like 18 carat, which is nearer to pure gold. (A carat of gold, as opposed to a diamond carat, is a measure of weight; one carat equals 1/5 of a gram.)

"In Europe, they still buy gold mainly for investment, while in the U.S., Israel and Germany, they buy jewellery as much for the beauty of it, he explained.

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Britain and the boycott

THE STATEMENT made by Britain's Trade Secretary Edmund Dell last week, authorizing British firms to comply with the Arab boycott if it should be in their business interest to do so, means that Whitehall is condoning, even participating in an act of commercial hostility towards this country.

The subject at issue is not an Arab boycott, but — in effect — a British boycott. The Arabs, for reasons of their own, do not buy Israeli goods or invest in Israeli concerns. That is their affair, and ours. We are not looking to Britain for any intervention in this matter.

But when the Arabs say to the British, you must boycott Israel too, we are faced with a new and very different situation. The leading democratic countries in the West realize that such an instruction by the Arab powers constitutes an intrusion into their own national sovereignty. The Americans do not intend to be told by an outside agency whom they may or may not do business with. The U.S. Government is taking resolute steps to make it clear that the boycott is illegal, and will not be tolerated.

The Canadians are following the American example. The French have introduced legislation to outlaw international economic blackmail. The West Germans admittedly speak like the British; but they act differently. The Bonn Government placates the Arabs by stating it will not interfere. In practice, if a case of boycott is brought to its notice, it tells the offending German firm in no uncertain terms that joining other people's economic warfare is just not on.

Why then does England, which was in its day isolated and cut off from supplies successively by Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm and Adolf Hitler; which evolved a historic concept called the "freedom of the seas"; which proved to be the classic apostle of free trade — why should this island community, sensitive more than others to the perils of economic blockade, let a league of foreign principalities enroll British firms into the economic blockade of a state with which Britain is not in conflict, and indeed has no quarrel?

If at the beginning of World War Two, Cordell Hull had stated that — to adapt Mr. Dell's "Rights to Businessmen" — "It is for each (American) firm to decide in the light of its own commercial interests what its attitude is towards the (Nazi) boycott (against the United Kingdom)", and if he had gone on to say that "in considering these matters, a company will no doubt wish to take into account the relative importance, for its products and services, of (Britain) on the one hand and (German-controlled Europe) on the other," the indignation that would have been felt in Britain can be left to the imagination.

Dr. David Owen, Britain's new Foreign Secretary, has said, in answer to a parliamentary question, that he would welcome discussion with Washington about America's new measures to deal with the boycott. It must be hoped that this may open the way to a more impartial attitude, in the face of an Arab initiative which is — and must go on being deemed, if the world is to retain any sanity — strictly *ultra vires*.

POSTSCRIPTS

OF ALL THE Jewish festivals, Purim is surely the one on which women can feel most proud, celebrating female courage as it does.

Why then did Television House decide to broadcast the reading of the Megilla last week from a yeshiva, rather than from a synagogue? The young boys of Enei Akiva — an admirable movement and one which does not confine itself to the male sex — were obviously enjoying themselves thoroughly. No one will begrudge them their merry-making.

But women viewers must have felt at least embarrassed, if nothing more, to see their sisters confined to the corridors, their noses pressed against the glass windows that separated them from sharing fully in the central feature of the Purim holiday.

SOME MOTHERS in Tel Aviv's affluent northern neighbourhoods have decided that you don't have to live in a slum in order to need guidance in bringing up your kindergarten-aged offspring. They have now asked the Tel Aviv Parents' Association to arrange courses in the so-called better districts.

In the meantime, at a meeting of parents and teachers last week, dis-

taught mothers were given advice on home-made Purim costumes and how to arrange the traditional Purim gifts.

YOU MAY call it enterprising, or you might call it colossal *chutzpa*. We don't know what Idi Amin thinks of it.

The director of the numismatics firm of A.H. Kagan Ltd. of Valley Stream, New York, recently wrote to the President of Uganda with an interesting offer.

"I have learned," his letter ran, "that you are a collector of medals and I thought you might be interested in the new Operation Jonathan-Etebbe Medal.... Since these medals involve an event that took place in Uganda, I thought they might be of interest to you for your collection."

Mr. Kagan goes on to quote the price of the medals in bronze, silver and gold and ends up by saying that he will gladly ship the goods to Uganda on receipt of order and draft in United States funds.

The letter was addressed to Idi Amin very diplomatically, using all the President's long list of titles and decorations, i.e. "His Excellency Al Hajj Field Marshal Dr. Idi Amin Dada, V.C., D.S.O., M.C." Maybe that will help to assuage his possible wrath.

MA'ARIV (Independent) says that

while no one would question the authority enjoyed by Mr. Rabin even now, as there can be no governmental vacuum in a proper democratic regime, nevertheless he enjoys diminished parliamentary authority compared to his previous visits to Washington. He goes there under the shadow of the doubts concerning his political future and that of his government. He must remember that it is by no means certain that he will remain in office.

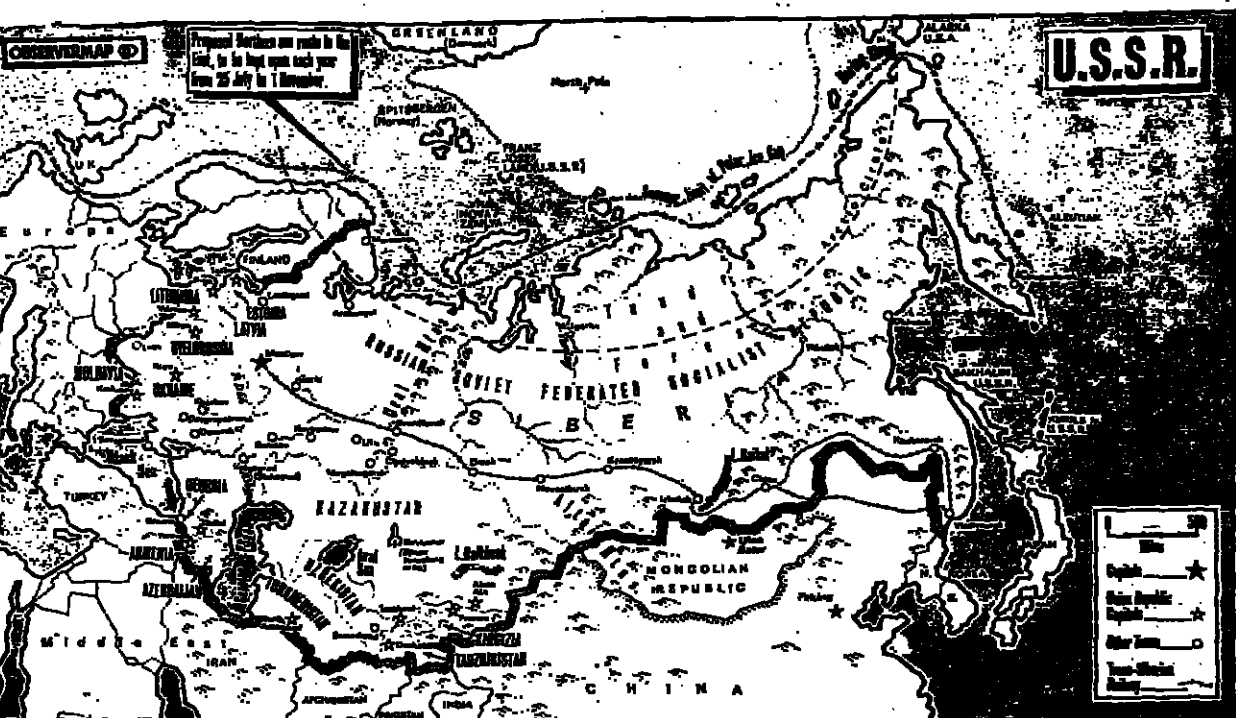
"A number of measures adopted by the new Administration are cause for concern as to its approach (mainly on matters of arms acquisition), but Mr. Rabin is well aware that it is abiding by the basic policy of its predecessors of guaranteeing Israel's existence, security and welfare. The generous aid already decided upon for next year is one expression of that policy."

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Ukrainian nationalism poses threat to Jews again

Jews have traditionally suffered during periods of assertive Ukrainian nationalism, writes MIKHAIL AGURSKY. In this article he shows the historical development of this

phenomenon, and predicts that the current upsurge in Ukrainian national feeling can bode no good for the one million Jews currently living there.



THE UKRAINE is the second largest Soviet republic. With a population of close to 50 million, a powerful, almost self-sufficient industrial area, and the most developed agriculture in the USSR, this republic may theoretically be considered as an important international partner.

Indeed, the Ukraine is a member of the UN, where it has its own delegation. It also has a Ministry of Foreign Affairs. But all this is a farce. The Ukraine has no independence; its UN-membership resulted from Stalin's attempt at the end of the war to improve the USSR's diplomatic position in the world body, where the USSR was practically alone.

Stalin succeeded in pushing in not only the Ukraine but also Byelorussia. It is very doubtful that the Soviet leaders would take such a risky step today. Risky because the Ukraine's membership in the UN has, in the long run, helped to stir local nationalism.

The history of the Ukraine is heatedly debated by Russian and Ukrainian nationalists. Some Russian nationalists don't recognize the Ukrainian nation at all. They consider the Ukrainians as "Little Russians," who speak a Russian dialect.

But Ukrainian nationalists maintain that they are a distinct nation, with their own language and history. Russia, for some of them, was colonized by Ukrainians who migrated north and mixed extensively with the local Finnish tribes, and thus lost many of their Slavic characteristics.

The Ukraine was formally included in the Russian empire in the second half of the 17th century according to the wish of Bohdan Khmelnytsky, the Ukrainian hetman (commander-in-chief). Subsequently, there were several Ukrainian attempts to leave Russia. The most dramatic of them was the plot of hetman Ivan Mazepa during the Russo-Swedish war. In the middle of the 19th century, a new Ukrainian nationalism was born. But its activists were severely punished and forced to go into exile.

The new national movement immediately tried to define its attitude to the Jewish question. The Ukraine had a centuries-long tradition of anti-Semitism, which dated to the

time when the Polish nobility placed local Jews in charge of the economic affairs of Ukrainian peasants. This tradition influenced Khmelnytsky's bloody pogroms.

In the second half of the 18th century there were more pogroms. But the 19th century seemed to usher in a new liberal period.

Indeed, the new Ukrainian nationalists tried — unsuccessfully — to attract the local Jews to their side. Educated Ukrainian Jews were attracted only by Russian culture and could not easily identify with a parochial culture. They looked forward to the bright dawn of Jewish emancipation in the Russian empire. So conflict between Jews and Ukrainian nationalists was inevitable. Ukrainian Jews found themselves

between the hammer and the anvil. Fortunately, however, Ukrainian nationalism was very weak at that time.

But during the Revolution, Ukrainian nationalism turned out to be a political reality. An important factor in the realization of Ukrainian dreams was the successful Russian military effort against Austro-Hungary in World War I.

THERE WERE many Ukrainians in Galicia, which was a part of Austro-Hungary, and they were not touched by Russian culture at all. The conservative Russian press had waged a long-standing campaign to protect discrimination against "Russians" in this empire.

When the Russian army, after much bloodshed, finally took this part of "Russia," the liberated "Russians" turned out to be Ukrainians.

Later, from the prisoners of war of Ukrainian extraction, the Ukrainian national army was established, and it became practically the only military force at the disposal of Petliura during the civil war.

There was a conservative wizard in pre-Revolution Russia whose forecast was phenomenal. I am referring to Piotr Durnovo, a former Minister of Home Affairs. In a desperate, secret letter to the Tsar in February, 1914, which warned him against the war with Germany, Durnovo predicted almost all the consequences of this unhappy war (including the inevitable Socialist revolution). He foresaw also that even a Russian victory in this war would be harmful for Russia. And he also had a "Ukrainian message."

As it happened, the short-lived Ukrainian nationalist regime was defeated by the Red Army after several months of anarchy which included a wave of Jewish pogroms. The participation of the central Ukrainian government in these pogroms is debatable. But even its weakness was a fault. The fact is that people who were involved in these pogroms identified themselves for a while with the new regime.

After the defeat, liberated "Russians" from Galicia retreated to Poland, which for a while was a haven for militant Ukrainians. The non-Polish population in Western Ukraine, who before the Revolution were considered Russian, generally identified themselves as Ukrainian. Deputies from this area to the Polish parliament almost always thought of themselves as Ukrainians.

The Soviet Ukrainian republic became an integral part of the USSR. On the one hand, the Ukrainian republic benefited, for the first time in its history, from the national press, the national educational system and the national scientific establishment. It was also granted limited autonomy when unimportant issues were involved. On the other hand, it was brought under cruel terror. The most talented Ukrainian intellectuals, even those who willingly collaborated with the Soviet regime, were destroyed.

Meanwhile, the Jewish problem in the Ukraine acquired dangerous proportions. From one side, the Jews were liberated. And they were one of the dominant national groups in the towns and cities. If Ukrainian Jews played a role in the past as agents of Russian language and culture, in the Soviet state this role assumed greater proportions.

Soviet rule not only did not diminish anti-Jewish sentiments but even intensified them. In the beginning, this was a spontaneous development, but later it became institutionalized.

AFTER 1939, Jews were no longer represented in the top Ukrainian leadership. The Holocaust changed the Ukraine substantially. The Jewish hamlets were deserted. Jewish survivors concentrated in big cities and in towns. (After the war the Ukraine absorbed the western provinces taken from Poland in 1939.)

The general post-war Soviet anti-Jewishness was felt even more acutely in the Ukraine. Apart from the anti-Semitism of the state, the Jews were also affected by the growing

quest for Ukrainian identity, which inevitably led to greater Jewish alienation since Jews still identify with Russian culture.

On top of it all, the Nazi influx in this area was still alive. The local population had witnessed, as sometimes even participated in, massacres. And Stalin seemed to want to exacerbate the Ukrainian Jewish conflict. When, in 1947, he initiated another campaign against alleged Ukrainian nationalists among Ukrainian writers and intellectuals, he sent the notorious Lazar Kaganovich to rule exclusively in the Ukraine for a year.

But the most dramatic development at that time was the armed struggle in Western Ukraine against Soviet domination. It really started during the Nazi occupation, when many Ukrainians established an underground guerrilla movement to fight against both the Germans and the Soviets. They continued to struggle for the seven years after the war, and they had the support of the general population, including women and children. Soviet troops embarked on a genocidal campaign, arresting the village populations and sending them to concentration camps. Over millions of Ukrainians were deported from the Western provinces.

Since 1953, Ukrainian nationalism has had a measure of begrudging recognition, and the first secret in the Ukraine has been a Ukrainian language.

The result has been the worst of local nationalism — Communist and totalitarianism — leaders who are avowedly anti-Semitic. Piotr Shelest, for example, displayed anti-Jewish behavior during the Czechoslovak crisis. He asked, during the Soviet summit in July of that year, "What is this Galician Jew (Piotr Krieger) doing here?"

There is certainly a big difference between bureaucratic nationalism as practised by Shelest and independent Ukrainian nationalism. Shelest was dismissed, but for his anti-Jewishness, but for his anti-Semitism, he was not dismissed. The new Ukrainian leadership under Vladimir Stetsko, continued the same policy. The expansion of anti-Semitism for political reasons is still a feature of Ukrainian bureaucracy.

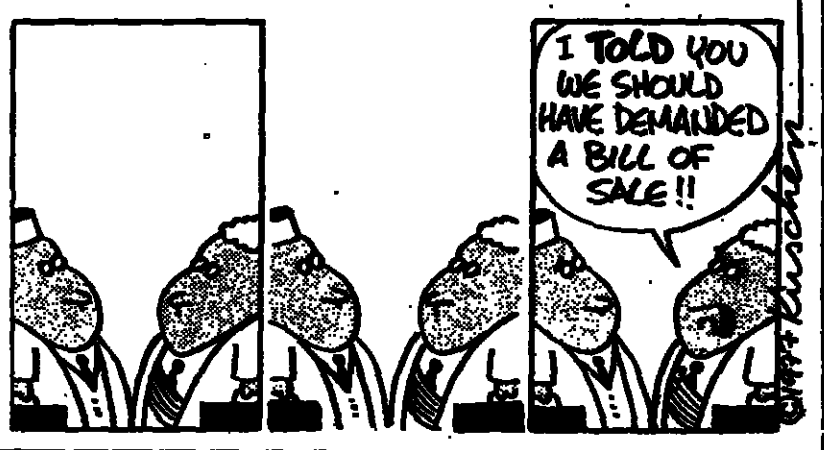
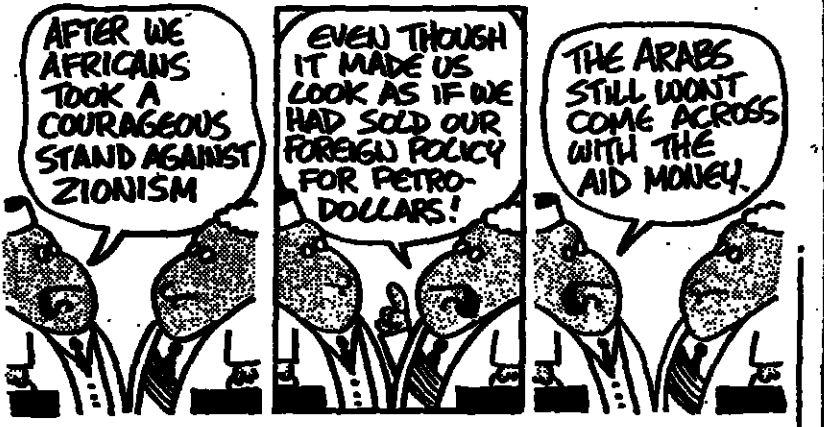
THE SITUATION of the Ukrainian Jews is a tragic one. It is very difficult if not impossible for a Jew to get into an institution of higher education in the Ukraine. For Jews who want a post-secondary education have to seek it in Siberia, Central Russia or some other state paratively liberal area.

The admission of Jews to positions of status is also more restricted. It is in Russia. They are tolerated in industry, commerce and the services, more than they are in science. This had led to demoralization among the Jews and among some of them, exaggerated materialistic aspirations. And the reason why we have the so-called "Odessa syndrome," which is the way of life of the Jewish community and HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).

The problem of Ukrainian Jews is different from that of Soviet Jews. Their situation can only worsen with the growing national conflict in the USSR, the Jews who within the national borders were attacked from both sides. There still about a million Jews in Ukraine. They deserve the special attention of world Jewry.

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READERS' LETTERS

MAKE ALIYA A REALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On February 14, you printed a letter from Eric Grauss, President of the Hebrew Movement of Great Britain, in which he advised Israelis to put an end to war, "to enable the Zionist dream to march on" and "make aliya not just a dream, but a reality" by voting for Likud on May 17.

I don't want to take issue with his very dubious logic about Likud's "advantages," but with his statement on aliya.

In Israel's 29th year of independence, there can be no justification for the perpetuation of adult Zionist parties in the Diaspora and Mr. Grauss proves the point in his letter.

Many immigrants from Britain, myself and my family among them, have made aliya a personal reality and we are still waiting for the political Zionist leaders like Mr. Grauss to practice what they preach by joining us in Israel. Then there would be nothing to stop Mr. Grauss from exercising his democratic right here. Let him make his aliya a reality and not just an empty slogan of a barren political platform.

YLAN ISRAEL
Kibbutz Mevo Hama.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR WOMEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I should like to take issue with Rabbi Pinchas Stolper (February 13). If he finds that religious girls should not serve in the Defence Forces lest they be seduced, he is not showing much confidence in the quality of their religious convictions.

I wonder if he thinks that the mitzvot of helping to care for the sick, the aged and the very young should be denied to religious girls. Would he approve of their being assigned such tasks of national importance in lieu of service with the Defence Forces?

LEAH BECKER
Jerusalem.

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